



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**DATE:** March 31, 2023

**TO:** Division Superintendents

**FROM:** Aimee Guidera, Acting Superintendent of Public Instruction and Secretary of Education

**SUBJECT:** **Jobs for Virginia Graduates Competitive Grant Award Application for School Year 2023-2024**

The primary mission of the Jobs for Virginia Graduates (JVG) program is to assist high school students who are at risk of dropping out of school or have other barriers to graduation and provide additional support that enables students to graduate and to secure and retain quality jobs. Appropriated JVG grant funds total \$2,243,776. Individual grants may not exceed \$30,000 per site and do not require a local match. These funds must be used to expand services in existing JVG programs and to add additional JVG programs in local school divisions based on the Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) national model.

School divisions may use the grant funds to help employ a job specialist who will work directly with the students who meet the program criteria. New local JVG specialists are required to participate in the annual Jobs for America's Graduates National Training Seminar. The JVG presently serves over 1,400 students in 47 sites and 37 school divisions across the Commonwealth of Virginia.

School divisions that are interested in submitting a new JVG Competitive Grant Award Application must complete the [new program online application](#), which must be received no later than **5 p.m. on April 28, 2023**. If your school division is interested in continuing the JVG program, your school division must complete the [continuing program online application](#), no later than **5 p.m. on April 14, 2023**.

All inquiries pertaining to the JVG program should be directed to Antonio Rice, JVG President and CEO, at (434) 953-9291 or [antonio.rice@jobsforvagrads.org](mailto:antonio.rice@jobsforvagrads.org).

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